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REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application are requested.

The allowance of claims 16-18 and the allowability of claims 12-13 and 15 are again noted appreciatively by the applicant. By way of the amendment instructions above, the subject matter of claim 12 has been incorporated into claim 1. As such, claim 12 has been cancelled as redundant. Claims 19 and 20 are new and represent claims 13 and 15 rewritten in independent form including any intervening claims.

Hence, claims 1-11 and 13-18 remain pending herein and define subject matter that has either been allowed or indicated to be allowable. Early passage of this application to issue is therefore solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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